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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 13 August 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Gen. Cabell (part of mtg.), Mr. Amory, Col. White,
Messrs. [redacted] Sheldon (part of mtg.), [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

Asked [redacted] whether or
not the Iraqi people were in fact for or against the Nuri form of government.
The Director felt it was important that we have this information and also some-
thing on the atmosphere today. He also commented that [redacted]
[redacted] get more of the grass roots type information and should
not rely wholly on that received from the Intelligencia and government officials.
ACTION: Messrs. [redacted]

Noted his concern over the situation in Iran and recommended that we
express ourselves most forcibly to the highest level in the Department of State.
He said he attempted to do this at the desk level, however, was unable to make
much headway. [redacted] noted that in his opinion, unless the Shah takes some
measures soon, particularly in the economic and land reform fields, the
current government of Iran will go down the drain. The Director commented that
he believed the best way to handle this problem would be for him to brief on it
at the NSC meeting scheduled for 14 August and asked Messrs. Sheldon and [redacted]
to provide briefing notes. The Director also asked [redacted] if ICA would
support our view that land and economic reforms are an absolute necessity.
[redacted] replied in the affirmative. The Director noted his intention of discus-
sing this situation at today's OCB meeting.

Col. White: